

REMARKS

Claims 1-74 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-74 are subjected to a restriction requirement.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-74 to a single invention under 35 U.S.C. §121. Claims 1-74 were subjected to a restriction requirement as follows:

- Group I - Claims 1-13, 18-21, 25-31, 38-48, 51, 52, and 56, drawn to a method of separating a pancreatic stem cell from the pancreas of a mammal, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2.
- Group II - Claims 15, and 49, drawn to a method for screening a substance that induces differentiation of a pancreatic stem cell into liver/bile duct, or stomach/intestine, classified in class 435, subclass 375.
- Group III - Claims 14, 16, 17, and 50, drawn to a method of screening a substance that regulates of a pancreatic cell function of a mammal, classified in class 435, subclass 375.
- Group IV - Claims 22-24, and 53-55, drawn to a method transplanting a cloned pluripotent pancreatic stem cell into a host, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1.
- Group V - Claims 32, 33, and 57-62, drawn to an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of a pancreatic hypofunctional disease, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1.
- Group VI - Claims 34, 35, and 63-84, drawn to an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of a hypofunctional disease of the liver or bile duct, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1.
- Group VII - Claims 36, 37, and 69-74, drawn to an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of a hypofunctional disease of the stomach or intestine, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-13, 18-21, 25-31, 38-48, 51, 52, and 56 of Group I, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

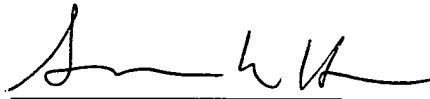
CONCLUSION

Having made the required election, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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